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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Stewart COLE et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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Application No.: 10/802,796)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: March 18, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 6307
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For: A METHOD FOR ISOLATING A)	
POLYNUCLEOTIDE OF)	
INTEREST FROM THE GENOME)	
OF A MYCOBACTERIUM USING)	
A BAC-BASED DNA LIBRARY,)	
APPLICATION TO THE)	
DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on March 18, 2004. On May 18, 2004, we received a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications. We filed a Reply to the Notice to Comply on June 15, 2004. As of September 22, 2005, we have not received a substantive action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

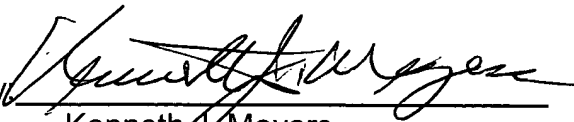
In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise us of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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